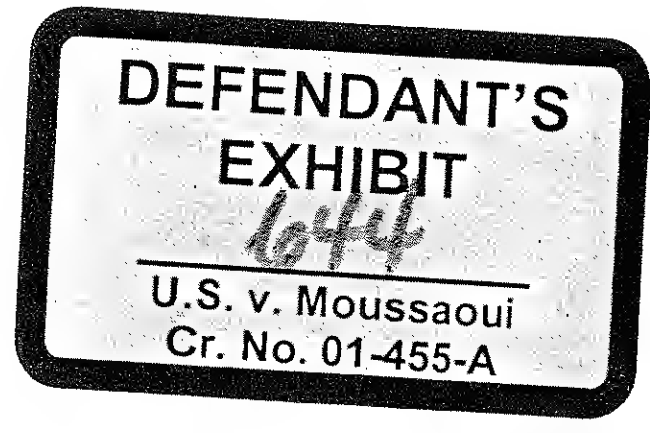


From: HARRY SAMIT
To: SCOTT BILLINGS
Date: 8/30/01 12:38PM
Subject: Re: Moussaoui



Scott,

Thanks for the info. We are getting additional info on Al-Atlas which paints a bad picture of him. Here's what we have:

Yesterday, our [redacted] guy (who is an Arabic speaker) translated Al-Atlas' phone call to Ndiaye from jail. On the call, Ndiaye got extremely upset when he learned that Moussaoui was going to be deported. He asks over and over again on the tape, "What are we going to do?" Al-Atlas actually has to calm him down.

Ndiaye also says to Al-Atlas during the call that, "I heard you wanted to go on Jihad." Al-Atlas quickly squashed that line of discussion by saying, "Don't talk about that now."

The [redacted] guy also gave us a rough translation of the Will Al-Atlas was carrying. Although Al-Atlas admitted to me that it was his Will, he stated that all Muslims make them out early and carry them with them. Research has since confirmed that this is false (which we thought all along since his Will looked as if he had just written it out and was preparing to mail it).

The Will made reference to death being near, while another indicated that Al-Atlas believes that those who participate in Jihad will be favored by God. Not the writings of a normal 23 year old attending school in OK.

I think that he and Moussaoui were on the way to put their plan in motion (likely resulting in his death) and that Al-Atlas wrote out the Will to send to his family in Saudi Arabia.

I believe that Al-Atlas was fully involved in Moussaoui's plan and was preparing for Jihad. He lied extensively to us and to you when you interviewed him (he was more convincing in Norman since he'd had several days to think up his story).

In addition, the Imam's concern over Moussaoui clashes with the story Al-Atlas and Menepta gave us regarding the isolation Moussaoui faced in the Mosque as a result of his fundamentalist beliefs. According to them, Moussaoui was a pain in the neck with no friends. If this is the case, why was Ndiaye so concerned that he was about to be deported?

If you're asking my opinion, I'd love to see Al-Atlas deported ASAP. If he fails to register for classes or otherwise jeopardises his status with INS, I'd hope that they would take prompt and energetic steps to boot him out. I don't think that he's a leader, but given the right kind of motivation, I believe that he would engage in any sort of activity for the cause.

I also think that Ndiaye and Menepta are fully aware of the plan and were probably assisting Moussaoui and Al-Atlas.

I'll keep you posted.
Harry

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FYI, if you are considering NSL's for bank records, information we have obtained indicates Moussouli may have an account at Arvest Bank in Norman.

And also for an update on Al-Atlas, I went to OU yesterday with INS to get more specific information on Al-Atlas schedule this semester. He is NOT enrolled for this fall semester but has until Friday to do so. INS indicates if he is not enrolled by Friday we (JTTF) may elect to arrest him on violation of his student status. We have a good contact in the International Student office and they have NO RECORD of Al-Atlas being enrolled this fall.

Scott B.

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